(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The reasons for locating the Corporate office in Delhi are as follows:—

(i) The manufacturing units are located in various States and the marketing of fertitlizer is done in various States and the Corporate office has to be centrally located for monitoring and better supervision of these units.

(ii) Location at Delhi facilitates coordination with Govt. Departments located in Delhi.

The annual expenditure on Corporate office is of the order of Rs. 3.49 crores.

Medical examination centres for Bhopal Gas victims

@1346. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for setting up of some centres for medical examination of people, affected by the Bhopal gas tragedy, who could not be examined so for;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of cases registered so far and treated by such centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No such proposal for setting up of some centres for medical examination of people, affected by the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, who could not be examined so far, has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cases of overcharging

1347. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 653 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that details o cases of overcharging have not been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarrec Question No. 650 answered on the 5th September, 1991 and the House has been mislead;

(b) what are the details of cases where investigation by the State authorities have revealed overcharging;

(c) when the intimation on each case was received from State authorities; an

(d) what action has been taken against the concerned persons after receipt of the information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The cases at S. No. (4) to (16) at page No. 3 of the Annexure annexed with Rajya Sabha Unstarrec Question No. 650 answered on 5th September, 1991, relates to overcharging. The required details regarding name of the manufacturer, names of bulk drugs an amount of overcharging have been given in the same annexure.

(c) and (d) Examination of complaints received against the drug companies o the issue of overcharging is an on-goin process and all these cases are at various statges of examination.

Performance of Fertilizer Units in Orissa

1348. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the performance of each fertilize unit of Orissa during the last three years

(b) which of those units are going a loss;

(c) the steps taken to improve the performance of the loss making fertilize units in the country; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN

@Previously Unstarred Question 537 transferred from the 27th November, 1991.

(a) The production performance of the fertilizer units in Orissa during the last three years is as under:—

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S. No.	Name of the Company with their plant.	Product	Production		
			1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1	Steel Authority of India Limited, Rourkela	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate.	202.0	176.5	174.3
2	Steel Authority of India Limited, Rourkela	Ammonium Sulphate.	10.0	12.1	13.5
3	Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited, Talcher.	Urea	62.0	159.5	158.9
4	Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Paradeep	Di-ammonium Phosphate	627.0	247.1	328.9
5	East Coast Fertilizers Ltd., Kalma, Distt. Mayurbhanj, Orissa	Single Super Phosphate.	32.0	45.2	44.9

(b) The units at (1), (3) and (4) above have been incurring losses during the last three years, except that the unit at (4) earned profit during 1988-89. Government do not have information on the profitability of (5) above, being in the private sector.

(c) and (d) The steps taken to improve the performance of the chronically loss making fertilizer units in the public sector in the country, include:

(i) Setting up of captive power plants in all the units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation of India, and some units of Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(ii) Assistance in arranging for essential inputs.

(iii) Replacement/renewal of equipments.

(iv) Constant monitoring by preventive and predictive maintenance; and

(v) Training of operators and technicians.

BICP report regarding strengthening of Public Distribution System

1349. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether BICP in its recent report has stressed the need for strengthening the Public Distribution System in areas characterised by low income levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the Public Distribution System as suggested in the BICP Report; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Certain suggestions were made by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) on the subject of Public Distribution System (PDS) which included (i) distribution of foodgrains to target groups; (ii) identifying the targetted groups by exclusion of